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**BOARD MEETING**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2025**

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**BOARD MEETING**

The Cobb County Board of Education convened for a regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Thursday, December 11, 2025, at 1:00 p.m., at 514 Glover Street, with the following members present: Messrs. Chastain, Cristadoro, Hutchins, Scamihorn, Wheeler, Ms. Davis, Ms. Saylor, Mr. Ragsdale, Executive Secretary, and Ms. Wilcox and Ms. Ams, Board Attorneys.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Chastain, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Chastain, Board Chair, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were two (2) public commenters.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Without objection, the Board approved the following meeting minutes:

- Thursday, November 13, 2025, Board Meeting

**Mr. Hutchins arrived to the meeting at 1:11 p.m.**

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- Monthly Board Financial Status Update
  - Chief Financial Officer Mr. David Baker presented the monthly school district financial status update to the Board. Each Board Member received a copy of the report.

**Ms. Davis arrived to the meeting at 1:17 p.m.**

- Federally Identified Schools Update
  - Chief Academic Officer Dr. Catherine Mallanda provided an update to the Board on the academic progress of Federally Identified Schools and the multiple layers of support the district provides.
- Georgia's BEST Update
  - Chief Strategy & Accountability Officer Mr. John Floresta and Dr. Mike Dishman, Dean of the College of Education at the University of West Georgia, shared a detailed update with the Board regarding the continued success of the Georgia's BEST (Building Educator Success Together) partnership between the Cobb County School District and the University of West Georgia.

## ***PENDING BOARD APPROVAL***

### **BOARD AGENDA ITEMS**

The Board discussed the Agenda Items listed below. These items will be brought forth for a vote during the Voting Session of the Thursday, December 11, 2025, Board Meeting:

**AGENDA ITEM #1** – Recommendation for Authorization of School Properties Disposal per District Administrative Rule DO-R.

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, December 11, 2025, Board Meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM #2** – Recommendation for Approval of Short-Term Construction Note Resolution Approving the Issuance of Request for Bids for the Purchase of \$100 Million of Construction Notes

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, December 11, 2025, Board Meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM #3** – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Construction Manager at Risk Contract for a Grandstand Replacement at McEachern High School

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, December 11, 2025, Board Meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM #4** – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Betty Gray Middle School Renovations

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, December 11, 2025, Board Meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM #5** – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Campbell High School Renovations

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, December 11, 2025, Board Meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM #6** – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Daniell Middle School Renovations

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, December 11, 2025, Board Meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM #7** – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Kennesaw Mountain High School Auditorium Seating Replacement

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, December 11, 2025, Board Meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM #8** – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Tritt Elementary School Annex Replacement

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, December 11, 2025, Board Meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM #9** – Recommendation for Approval of a Permanent Utility Easement with Georgia Power Company for Power to the New Marquee Sign at Varner Elementary School

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, December 11, 2025, Board Meeting.

## ***PENDING BOARD APPROVAL***

**AGENDA ITEM #10** – Recommendation to Revise a Portion of the Previously Submitted FY2026 State Capital Outlay Application

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Consent Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, December 11, 2025, Board Meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM #11** – Recommendation for Approval of New Board Policy JCDAF (Use of Personal Electronic Devices by Students)

- Without objection, this item was placed on the **Discussion Agenda** for the Voting Session of the Thursday, December 11, 2025, Board Meeting.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE RULE MODIFICATIONS**

Without objection, the Board approved modifications to the following administrative rules as discussed:

<b>INDEX</b>	<b>ADMINISTRATIVE RULE TITLE</b>
JBC-R	School Admissions/Withdrawals
JCDAF-R	Use of Personal Electronic Devices by Students
JGFC-R	Dismissal Precautions
KM-R	Visitors to School
ML-R	Outside Service Providers

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Without objection, the Board approved the agenda as presented.

## **RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Ms. Sayler, seconded by Mr. Hutchins, and unanimously approved by the Board at 4:09 p.m. to convene to Executive Session to discuss land, legal, and personnel matters. Motion carried 6-0. Mr. Cristadoro was not present for the vote.

## **VOTING SESSION**

The Cobb County Board of Education met for a regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Thursday, December 11, 2025, with the following members present: Messrs. Chastain, Cristadoro, Hutchins, Scamihorn, Wheeler, Ms. Davis, Ms. Sayler, Mr. Ragsdale, Executive Secretary, and Ms. Wilcox and Ms. Ams, Board Attorneys.

## **RECONVENE**

Without objection, the Board reconvened at 7:01 p.m.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Chastain, Board Chair, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **BOARD RECOGNITIONS**

- 2025-2026 GHSA Class 4A One Act Play Best Actress State Champion – Piper Cathey, Allatoona High School
- 2025-2026 GHSA Class 6A Girls Volleyball State Champions – Walton High School
- 2025-2026 GHSA Class 6A Girls Individual Cross Country State Champion – Paige Comstock, Harrison High School
- 2025-2026 Georgia Council of Teachers of Mathematics Excellence in Teaching Award – Heather Mullins, Mt. Bethel Elementary School

## **PENDING BOARD APPROVAL**

- Acknowledgement of Special Guests: Georgia's Best Graduates
  - 63 members of the 1<sup>st</sup> Cohort of Doctoral Candidates presented Mr. Ragsdale with a plaque of appreciation for his vision and support of the Georgia's BEST program. The graduates also recognized him by making a \$1000.00 donation to the American Heart Association on his behalf.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- There were seven (7) public commenters.

## **ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION**

### **Personnel Matters**

Administration recommended approval of the identified employment actions of the individuals listed on the Personnel Action Report as discussed in Executive Session.

### **Section I – Principal Level and Higher Position Recommendation**

- Gurski, Dr. Allison appointment to Principal, Pitner Elementary School from Assistant Principal, Kemp Elementary School effective January 1, 2026

### **Section II – Position Recommendation Below Principal**

#### **Middle School**

- Holmes, Donald reassignment to Assistant Principal, Barber Middle School from Assistant Principal, Griffin Middle School effective January 1, 2026
  - A motion was made by Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Ms. Davis, and unanimously approved by the Board to accept the Personnel Action Report as read and presented in Executive Session. Motion carried 7-0.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS**

The Superintendent commented on various items occurring throughout the Cobb County School District.

Mr. Ragsdale presented Mr. Chastain with a plaque of appreciation for his service as Board Chair for 2025

## **ACTION AGENDA ITEMS - CONSENT AGENDA**

**ACTION AGENDA ITEM #1** – Recommendation for Authorization of School Properties Disposal per District Administrative Rule DO-R

**ACTION AGENDA ITEM #2** – Recommendation for Approval of Short-Term Construction Note Resolution Approving the Issuance of Request for Bids for the Purchase of \$100 Million of Construction Notes

**ACTION AGENDA ITEM #3** – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Construction Manager at Risk Contract for a Grandstand Replacement at McEachern High School to Parrish Construction Group (Alpharetta, GA)

**ACTION AGENDA ITEM #4** – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract to NPSG Built, LLC (Atlanta, GA) in the amount of \$4,993,500.00 for Betty Gray Middle School Renovations to include roof replacement, door and window replacement, emergency generator, electrical subpanels, gym floor, restroom renovations, and select HVAC replacement

**ACTION AGENDA ITEM #5** – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract to Graphite Construction, LLC (Cartersville, GA) in the amount of \$2,277,820.00 for Campbell High School Renovations to include restroom renovations, select door and door hardware replacement, select window replacement, interior painting and flooring replacement in building 5070

***PENDING BOARD APPROVAL***

**ACTION AGENDA ITEM #6** – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract to FS360, LLC (Atlanta, GA) in the amount of \$1,641,605.00 for Daniell Middle School Renovations to include restroom renovations, roof replacement (annex building only), select door and door hardware replacement, electrical subpanel upgrade, and carpet replacement

**ACTION AGENDA ITEM #7** – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Kennesaw Mountain High School Auditorium Seating Replacement to Prime Contractors, Inc. (Powder Springs, GA) in the amount of \$446, 125.00

**ACTION AGENDA ITEM #8** – Recommendation for Approval to Award a Contract for Tritt Elementary School Annex Replacement to R.K. Redding Construction, Inc. (Bremen, GA) in the amount of \$7,905,000.00

**ACTION AGENDA ITEM #9** – Recommendation for Approval of a Permanent Utility Easement with Georgia Power Company for Power to the New Marquee Sign at Varner Elementary School

**ACTION AGENDA ITEM #10** – Recommendation to Revise a Portion of the Previously Submitted FY2026 State Capital Outlay Application

- Without objection, the Board approved the **Consent Agenda Items** as presented.

**ACTION AGENDA ITEMS - DISCUSSION AGENDA**

**ACTION AGENDA ITEM #11** – Recommendation for Approval of New Board Policy JCDAF (Use of Personal Electronic Devices by Students)

- A motion was made by Mr. Scamihorn, seconded by Mr. Hutchins, and following discussion, unanimously approved by the Board to approve new Board Policy JCDAF (Use of Personal Electronic Devices by Students).

**ADJOURN**

Without objection, the Board adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

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**CHAIRMAN**

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**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**